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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

1. APPRECIATE YOUR PASSING FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO 97TH GENERAL HOSPITAL AND PREFERABLY TO A PHYSICIAN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NEUROLOGY. EMBASSY CAIRO HAS TEENAGE AMERICAN CITIZEN IN MAADI MILITARY HOSPITAL, CAIRO. PATIENT HAS BEEN IN COMA FOR OVER TWO WEEKS AND IS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE STAFF NEUROLOGIST. THE PATIENT HAS APPARENTLY BEEN RESPONDING WELL TO TWO DRUGS: (1) RITALIN (TABLETS), MANUFACTURED BY CIBA, AND (2) ENCEPHAPBOL, MANUFACTURED BY MERCK, SHARPE AND DOHME. (WE UNDERSTAND THIS LATTER DRUG IS IN LIQUID FORM AND GIVEN INTERVEN- OUSLY.)

2. THE PATIENT'S MOTHER HAS TELEPHONED THE EMBASSY TO REPORT THAT BOTH OF THESE DRUGS ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY AND HAS ASKED OUR ASSISTANCE IN ACQUIRING ADDITIONAL QUANTI- TIES. THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, HOWEVER, HAS INFORMED THE CONSULAR OFFICER THAT HE HAS SUFFICIENT MEDICATION TO CARRY THE PATIENT UNTIL HIS CONTEMPLATED MEDEVAC TO THE UNITED STATES ON JUNE 25.

3. AS A PRECAUTION THAT THE PHYSICIAN'S INFORMATION MAY NOT BE CORRECT, THE EMBASSY INQUIRED OF CAPT. WATTEN, USN, UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMANDING OFFICER OF NAMRU-3, ABOUT THE IDENTIFICATION AND AVAILABILITY OF THESE DRUGS. CAPT. WATTEN ADVISES THAT RITALIN TABLETS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN EGYPT AND THAT HE DOES NOT HAVE ANY OF THIS DRUG IN NAMRU'S PHARMACY. AFTER CONSULTING THE PHARMACEUTICAL LISTINGS, HE CONCLUDES THAT ENCEPHAPBOL IS LIKELY TO BE A EUROPEAN OR EGYPTIAN NAME FOR A PRODUCT WHICH, IN THE UNITED STATES, IS KNOWN

AS MANNITOL OR UREAPHIL, MANUFACTURED BY ABBOTT LABORATORIES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE BY RETURN TELEGRAM WHETHER 97TH GENERAL HOSPITAL'S PHARMACY HAS EITHER RITALIN OR ENCEPHAPBOL OR APPROPRIATE SUBSTITUTES THEREFORE. WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO CONFIRM WHETHER THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF THESE MEDICATIONS IN CAIRO AND, IF SO, ANTICIPATE CALLING UPON YOU FOR ASSISTANCE AFTER WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH THE ATTENDING NEUROLOGIST AT MAADI MILITARY HOSPITAL. GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION AND ASSISTANCE. EILTS

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